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LESSON PLAN

A1530, AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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RECORD OF CHANGES

CHANGE NUMBER	REMARKS
New Lesson Plan	Supercedes ASBC lesson 1330 dated 7 Aug 00
Change 1 (New Lesson Plan)	Supercedes ASBC lesson A1530 dated 27 Aug 01 (Revised lesson title, lesson objectives, SOBs, Lesson Description, and Rationale/Linkage--topic changed from EAF to AEF)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

A1000 Area Objective: Apply air and space power capabilities and officership principles to warfighting.

A1500 Phase Objective: Comprehend how air and space power employment techniques enhance warfighting.

A1530 – AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Lesson Objective 1: Know the Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF) concept.

Samples of Behavior:

(R/L) 1.1 - State the rationale for the AEF concept.

(R/L) 1.2 - Identify the vision of the AEF.

Lesson Objective 2: Know the elements that fulfill the AEF Concept.

Samples of Behavior:

(R/L) 2.1 - Know the AEF Construct (10 AEFs).

(R/L) 2.2. Identify and know the purpose of the two Air and Space Expeditionary Wings (AEWs).

(R/L) 2.3. Identify and know the purpose of the two Lead Mobility Wings.

(R/L) 2.4 - Know the Lead Wing construct.

Lesson Description: This lecture introduces students to the AEF concept. It introduces all the elements of the AEF Concept and their purpose. It also addresses their impact on Air and Space operations. Additionally, this lecture explains Air Force policies on AEF.

Prerequisites: None

Preparation: Read A1530, Air and Space Expeditionary Force.

Optional: N/A

Rationale/Linkage: As part of the A1500 Phase, this lecture covers Air and Space power employment techniques and how they enhance warfighting. In particular, this lecture focuses exclusively on the AEF concept and how the Air Force employs 10 AEFs to enhance warfighting. It also discusses the purpose of the 2 Lead Mobility Wings (LMWs) and the two Air and Space Expeditionary Wings (AEWs). As such, this lecture is linked to topics discussed in the A1400 Phase of instruction on Joint operation planning and execution and in the A1600 Phase of instruction on Joint air and space operation planning and execution. This lecture is linked to these phases because the AEF concept is the Air Force method for providing air and space capabilities to Combatant Commanders and campaign planners for theater operations. The Air Force has transformed from a “garrison force” into an “expeditionary force.” The AEF concept enables the Air Force to maintain its limited forward presence overseas with the available personnel and resources. It is important for students to realize that they will be an integral part of the AEF. This lecture inspires students to embrace an expeditionary mindset and culture. After all, for most Air Force officers, it’s not a question of “if” they will deploy, it’s a question of “when!”